

I was in class as Mrs. Alphys, the science teacher, was talking about group projects. We had to grab partners but I was both too lazy and socially awkward to go and find one so I was hoping to be by myself. Temmie was with her egg and no one questioned it, Berdly and Noelle were partners. Poor girl, kidnapped by Berdly again. A lot of the other monsters were partnered up so I was left alone. I was about to doze off when the door opened. It was the only other human in the community, Kris Dreemurr. They were always quiet and never spoke. Their brown, dark hair covering their eyes. Mrs. Alphys spotted them. "O-oh! Kris, I-I thought you weren't coming in today... W-well we're doing group projects s-so go ahead and f-find a partner" Kris didn't make a response and just went over to Noelle. As soon as Noelle made the suggestion of making a group of three, Berdly got extremely defensive and denied any choice of joining. Kris just looked at Berdly... Disappointed? Angry?

Sad? Look... it was hard to tell, especially since Kris never shows any type of emotion. They were heading to their desk that was next to me when Susie, the scariest purple monster here, busted through the door with a threatening appearance. It took me by surprise so much that I jumped up 3 feet in the air and landed straight on the floor. Everyone except Kris of course was laughing. Berdly decided to mess with me just to make me feel even more stupid. "HaHa, Maybe next time if you were as smart as me, you wouldn't be jumping up" I had slight anger issues and that pissed me off slightly. "Shut the hell up Berdly..." I got up and dusted the pencil shavings off of my pants. "Damnit, these are my favorite jeans too..." I sighed as I sat back in my seat, drawing on my notebook again. Susie just stood at the door as Mrs. Alphys turned to the chalkboard. "Wh-where's the chalk? I-I can't st-start without it!" Noelle spoke up to help. "Th-there's an extra box of chalk in the closet.

M-maybe me and Susie can-" She was cut off. "P-perfect! Susie, since you were the last one here, you go get it..." Susie rolled her eyes and left the classroom as she said, "Whatever..." Kris sat down at their seat and Mrs. Alphys looked at them. "Kris wh-why don't you go help her" Kris got up and walked out the door. After a few minutes, Everyone was talking so no one else heard the faint thud. I snuck out of the classroom and was met with Susie holding Kris's shoulder against the locker. "Y'know Quiet people piss me off." I stepped in after she had said that. "Hey Susie, messing with Kris again?" I crossed my arms and was slightly pissed. I didn't understand, I had this... strong urge to protect Kris. Susie let go of them as she looked at me. "You got a problem Loser?" I just uncrossed my arms and went over to Kris. "You okay?" Kris nodded and I swear I saw them blush, but I think it was just my brain playing with the lighting in my head. Susie just walked away to the closet and Kris and I followed, yet Kris

was... very... very slow.... We finally got caught up with Susie. "You two losers are way too slow." We get to the closet and it gave an unsettling feeling. "This is... quite ominous..." Susie stuttered for a moment before continuing. "w-well this looks... off..." I decided to be an asshole to her. "What's wrong Susie, scared~?" Susie shot a glare at me before brushing her hair over her eyes more. "Shut up Loser" I looked at the closet and back at Susie. Susie opened the door and stepped back. She then pushed Kris slightly towards it. "You go first." I just looked at Susie. "What the hell Susie?" Susie hesitated for a moment but she growled and rolled her eyes. "Fine we'll all go in." I nodded and looked over at Kris. "Lead the way" Kris walked through. Susie and I followed close behind as we walked in, it was extremely dark... We wouldn't be able to see our hands if the door wasn't open, shining a bit of the entrance with light. The only thing that was visible was the three of us and the paper trail on the

ground. We continued to walk and to the point where the door seemed like a mile away. I tried so hard not to show my fear of the dark. Susie was nervous as well but not for the same reason. "I don't think closets are that big..." We all decide to walk back when the door suddenly slammed shut. I went into panic mode, Susie banged on the door, and Kris was trying their best to calm me down. Susie was yelling, "THIS ISN'T FUNNY! IF YOU DON'T LET US OUT, I'LL BEAT THE TWO LOSERS IN HERE!" Susie stopped for moment when no one responds. "Huh, that usually works..." after few moments of silence, the papers on the ground start to rustle. I was trembling by how scared I was. "H-hey! L-lo-ook!" We all look to the papers near the door that had disappeared into the void. "RUN!" I yelled. We all started running 'til there was no more paper. The paper falling behind us fell into the darkness and the paper underneath us fell. As we fell, I clung to Kris without intending to. And yet, I don't

think they minded as they held me as well. Susie was looking like she was an arrow piercing through the air. Then everything went dark. Nothing can be heard, Seemed like nothing should be said, and seemed like nothing should move. Silence lingered for a little while longer. Soon I woke up but my surroundings weren't the same. Neither is my appearance. I was wearing some type of mint red cloak and faded pink gloves. Grey tights with polished silver armor boots. White top with an armored chest plate and a small crest in the center. I looked around me as I tried to make sense of my surroundings. Just then I felt a sharp pain my chest. Once I looked down at my chest, I felt my SOUL pulsating heavily. I think it was because of the fall. I took deep breaths as I stood up and brushed the dust off. I look down at the ground and see a small spell book on the ground where I was. I picked it up and read through it. Just then, I see what looks to be Kris and Susie in a more

brighter and strange appearance. Susie's purple skin tone had turned to a bright magenta, her coat turned into a black sleeveless leather jacket with a pink lining, spiked bracelets around her arms and wrist, boots with studs on them, and her hair was a bright magenta as well. Kris on the other hand had turned blue. Short navy blue hair, teal-ish, cyan-ish skin tone, a pink scarf, silver shining armor chest plate, gloves, and boots, dark blue clothing underneath. As well as a powder pink long sword. Susie was both nervous and angry. "Where the HELL are we!?! " I walked over to the two as I was reading the spell book. "we ain't in Kansas no more" I darted my eyes at Kris. "Are you two okay at least?" Kris nodded and Susie scoffed. "I'm fine loser, I'm going up ahead, I wanna fight some punks." I called out to her but she already left. "And I guess that leaves us Kris. Well then, lead the way" Kris nodded as they started walking and I followed close behind them. I continued to read through

my book and found a spell called, 'piercing shot'. I learned the attack and shot a purple magic arrow from the palm of my hand at a cliff wall and it stuck the wall until I called it back. "woah! Oh hell yeah this is sick!" I continued to look through the book when suddenly, we were pulled into an encounter. A giant black box with purple lines in a grid format formed around us. We see a monster in front of us. Kris got in a protective stance with their sword and I opened my spell book while placing my hand over it. Four buttons appeared in front of Kris. 'Fight'. 'Act'. 'Item'. 'Mercy'. I was waiting to see what Kris would do when suddenly, my SOUL ripped out of my chest and into a box sort of thing. I looked at it and before I could realize what the hell was going on, I felt myself get weak as soon as the monster attacked. I fell to the ground as I felt a breath escaped me, causing me to choke. Kris was aware of this and sprinted over to me. Since I was a spellcaster, I may



have the opportunity to heal myself if I wasn't down. Kris had gotten in front of me and pointed their sword out towards the monster. The four buttons appeared in front of them again. This time, Kris didn't hesitate and pressed the 'FIGHT' button. The monster went down in one strike. My SOUL crashed back into my chest and I gasped as air came rushing back. I looked up at Kris who had a gentle grip on my shoulder supporting me. "I-I'm fine Kris.." My vision was still slightly blurry so when I reached out to grab my spell book, I didn't know exactly where it was. Kris noticed I wasn't entirely aware of where my spell book was and so they gave it to me. I thanked them and started flipping through pages until I found a healing spell. I tried my best to read it and finally made out the words, 'requires', 'two', 'people'. I was slightly upset, now how was I supposed to heal myself if it requires two people? I can barely see a few feet in front of me and Kris didn't speak. "oh god damn it. Kris

please help me out here... it says we need to people. I think it might be a duo heal." Kris nodded as they came over and read the page. The page read, "Requires two people. Three steps. Step one: Person one must be a spellcaster. Step two: Second person can be any kind of fighter, bystander, warrior, etc., Third step: HUG for about 2 minutes!!! Compassion is the best for healing! -written by anonymous"

When Kris pointed out the word 'HUG' with their finger, I immediately blushed. "h-hugging? U-uhm.. That's strange... I-it's almost like the writer isn't into any kind of violence or potions or stuff like that..." I awkwardly fidget, blushing nervously. "A-and two minutes? Th-that seems kind of inefficient....". My SOUL was beating against my chest. I was starting to ramble as I was starting to get nervous. When suddenly, I felt their hands reach around me, pulling me into a tight hug. My head was now pressed against their neck and my shoulder was pressing against their chest. I couldn't help but

blush profusely as I wrapped my arms hesitantly around them as well. My cloak had draped over their shoulder. I felt my SOUL pulsating and beating inside my ribcage. That's when I shut my eyes and hoped that this feeling would last forever. It felt warm, comforting, inviting, and safe. I didn't want it to end. Eventually I almost dozed off when I felt the hug loosen a bit slightly. It seems they were dozing off as well. I looked up at them to see them just laying their head on mine. I couldn't tell if they were sleeping or not but my curiosity got the better of me. So I slowly raised my hand close to the bangs covering their eyes. I stopped and put my hand back down. "I-I'm sorry about that, if you're up anyways... uhm.. I-I respect your privacy..." I realized that I didn't feel as weak anymore, my vision was cleared and my SOUL wasn't pounding as it did before. I smiled as I pulled away gently. "Oh it worked." I looked back at Kris with a compassionate smile. "Thanks Kris, y-you really didn't have to do that, I

would've tried to find a different solution if you were uncomfortable with it" I fidgeted with my cloak as I stood up. Kris shook their head No, stood up, and gestured me to follow them. I grabbed my spell book and followed close behind. I stood close as I was reading through my spell book. After a bit of time, we ran into Susie. "Hey punks! Look at my Axe!" Susie pulls out an Axe and launched it to the wall behind me but it accidentally got aimed towards me. Before it could hit me, Kris pulled me close and my back got pressed against their chest. Kris glared at Susie before letting me go. "Ha! You almost just got your face cut off!" Susie laughed as she said this. "Whatever, look. " I point to a castle that had someone who seemed to be waiting for someone. They were in a green cloak with a black heart in the center, a pink scarf, and a green hat. Although they had a hood on so we couldn't see their face. We walked towards them. The hooded figure spoke. "Welcome! I am the prince of this

kingdom. The kingdom of darkness!" I opened my spell book and placed my hand over it ready to attack in case anything happened. The hooded figure noticed this. "oh you read my spell book! That's wonderful! I've written it myself!" I looked down at the book and closed it. The hooded figure had noticed any previous spells used. "I see you used the duo healing! Did you enjoy that hug? You healed very well! Lets see... who did you hug?" I blushed as I looked over at Kris who was raising their hand. The hooded figure laughed slightly. "Seems as if you did enjoy the heal! Hugs are always the best for compassion! And compassion is great for healing!" I scoff as my face was still quite red. "Yeah, yeah whatever, who the hell are you?" I had my hand on my book in case. The hooded figure pulled their hood down to reveal a fluffy white goat with green glasses. "Apologies for not stating this sooner! My name is Ralsei. As I said, I am the prince of the dark kingdom. I've been extremely

excited since I have been waiting to see you three!" I stepped back as Susie pulled out her Axe from the wall and pointed it at Ralsei, Kris pointed their sword at Ralsei, I pull out my spell book and place my hand over it. Ralsei starts to panic. "Please, please! I mean no harm!" We put our weapons down. "Alright... My name is Elena." Susie put the Axe on her shoulder. "Susie." Ralsei looks at Kris. "And you?" I went over to Kris and then looked at Ralsei. "They don't speak. Their name is Kris." Ralsei nodded. Just then, a small monster pulls us into an encounter. "Oh no, not aga- WOAH!" As I was speaking, I'm suddenly pulled into a hug by Kris as they have one arm wrapped around me and the other hand was pointing their sword at the creature. I didn't know how to react. Then, it was my turn to attack. I used 'Piercing Shot' and it dealt good damage but it wasn't enough. After my attack, it was the monster's turn. My SOUL went back into the box. I dodged the first attack but I got hit by the second

one. I felt my SOUL collide back into my chest as I fell back. My breath catches in my throat. I choke. "I-I can't- i... I can't fight..." I was trembling again. Susie swung her axe and it killed off the monster. "Punk, are you alright?" I clutched my chest as I felt my SOUL pulse. "i-I'm fine just.... Shaken." Again, my vision was blurry again but this time, I had the duo heal in my head. "V-vision.. Blurry..." Kris immediately came over to me and picked me up by my waist and stood me up. It took me a minute to process what was going on but I was suddenly healed by Ralsei. "Are you okay?! That was a pretty nasty hit!" I nodded as my vision came back. "We really need training... if I keep getting hit, who knows what the hell could happen...". I muttered to myself, "And it's extremely embarrassing to be rescued from death multiple times like I'm some kind of damsel in distress..." I looked over at Ralsei. Ralsei nodded and took us to a room where there was a dummy in the

center of it. After a bit of time training, I got better and so did the other three.

"Hell yeah! I feel great!" I even learned a few spells. That's when I was pulled off to the side by Kris. We were alone and now.

"K-Kris! What are you-" I was cut off by them pulling me close with intent. I

looked up at them as I blushed. "K-Kris

I..." Kris didn't make any response and just leaned in closer whilst taking one of their hands and played with my hair. It's dark reddish strands wrapping around

Kris's fingers. I didn't know how to

respond, nor react. They then took their other hand and ungloved the silver armor from it. After it was taken off, their hand

then reached around me caressed my back, sending chills down my spine. "K-

KRIS!", I whimper as I blush profusely.

Again, Kris didn't make a response and just leaned in closer as the space

between our lips almost didn't exist. I said their name one final time before shutting my eyes and waited in anticipation. That's when... I woke up. It was just a dream. I



looked around me to see Susie, Kris, and Ralsei surrounding me. "Oh dear! Are you alright?? You were hit by a vivid dream spell! It's meant to knock out the thing it attacks!" Ralsei had healed me as I sat up. I look down next to me and see my cloak folded, my spell book laying on top of it, and my gloves folded as they were draped over a rock. I looked back at Ralsei. Turns out my face was still red and Susie noticed this. "Punk, why is your face red as hell? What kind of dream did you have that's got you so worked up?" I froze a bit as memories of the dream came back. "One helluva dream I'll say... oh God..." That's when my face turns a deeper shade of red. "Are you ill??" Ralsei almost panicked. I shook my head no and relaxed myself. I look at Kris, who is confused on what I dreamed about. Ralsei gave back my items and I put them back on. While I was putting on one of my gloves, the other one had fallen out of my hand and almost hit the ground. Kris had caught it before it fell to the ground.

That's when I saw Kris hold out their hand, waiting for mine. I turned scarlet as I put out my hand. Kris had slipped my glove on. They used a soft and gentle touch as they did this. I couldn't help but question why Kris was so sweet to me. "K-Kris... y-you... you didn't have to-" I was cut off when Kris put one of their fingers over my mouth in a shushing gesture. I swear I saw them smile slightly. Ralsei didn't notice this and was focused on continuing. "Let's make our way on our adventure to close the dark fountain." We got to Ralsei and Kris took then lead and walked on. Susie was swinging her Axe around, Ralsei was making sure his hat wasn't falling off, I was reading through my spell book looking for more attacks. Kris was still leading. After a few more minutes of walking, we reach a golden framed door that was open. Ralsei went ahead to the door and looked at it. "Oh my! The Great Door is opened?!" I walked over to Ralsei and put my hand on his shoulder. Ralsei was silent for a moment

before he continued speaking. "Once we walk through these doors, our adventure will really begin. A journey foretold exactly by the prophecy..." Ralsei then turned to us. "But guys, I believe YOUR choices are important as well. This world is full of all kinds of people. In the end, how we treat them makes all the difference. So lets try our best to get through this without FIGHTing. If we can do that..." Ralsei smiled and fixed the glasses on his face. "I believe this tale may have a happy ending. Otherwise I fear that..." I stepped back as Ralsei looked back up at the door. "You may not... find the result favorable..." Ralsei looked back at us and then looked at me. "Oh... I'm sorry, is that too much to ask?" I looked back at the other two. Susie nodded as well as Kris. I then turned back to Ralsei and say, "We can handle it." Ralsei smiled, "then let's do our best." Kris walked through the door first, then me, then Susie, and lastly Ralsei. As we went through, Ralsei turned around and

closed the door. Starting our adventure. We walked through a scarlet forest as the weird birds chirped. We continued and walked through the forest when we ran into a Rudinn. Susie pulled out her Axe, Ralsei stuck out his hands, forming magic through them, Kris pointed their sword at Rudinn, I pulled out my spell book and hovered my hand above it. Kris tells Susie to FIGHT, tells Ralsei to FIGHT, and tells me to FIGHT as well. We all attacked and the Rudinn was almost dead. This time, it was Kris's soul that went into the box. I almost panicked but I stayed calm as I thought Kris knew what they were doing. I think they did it is just that the Rudinn hit them pretty hard. "KRIS!" I took the last shot and the encounter finished. I immediately went over to Kris and crouched down to them. "Kris, are you okay...?" Kris nodded and tried standing up but was trembling. I helped them up and supported them by holding their waist. I didn't even realize I was doing this. I kept the duo heal in my head and

hugged Kris. They were taller than me so since they were weaker and trembling, they leaned their head on my shoulder as I stroked their hair as well. I knew this was kind of intimate but I didn't care because all I cared about was their health. I whispered into their ear. "Are you sure you're okay...?" Kris then wrapped their arms around my waist while nodding. Ralsei was excited to see all this passion and hugging, as a compassionate darkener. Susie just scoffed. "Ugh, let's not do all of this sappy stuff" I ignored her when I realized, I have gotten more comfortable using this spell to heal Kris and I. I enjoyed it even. Kris then pulled away while still holding my waist. I look up at Kris smiling warmly. Ralsei encouraged this. "Oh my! Passion is in the air! How wonderful!" Susie has had enough of this and continued on. "Punks, we got a mission to do so cut your sappy stuff and lets go." We both pulled away and I turned to a shade of pink in the face feeling slightly

embarrassed. "s-sorry yeah we should continue..." We continued on our way, fighting monsters and improving on our attacks. After awhile, we were by a DarkCandy tree as we took a break. We were sitting underneath it. Correction, Ralsei, Kris, and I were underneath it. Susie was in the tree grabbing the candies. That's when Ralsei had gotten up. "My friends, I'm going to go explore a bit ahead in case an enemies are ahead. Susie, want to come with?" Susie grabbed her Axe and followed. "hell yeah I do!" It was just me and Kris left. It was an awkward silence so I decided to strike up a friendly conversation. "So Kris... uhm... W-why did you d-do that for me...?" Kris didn't make a response and simply ungloved their armor on their hands. "that's right... you don't talk... s-sorry for askin-" I paused when I felt their hand touch my chin and guide my face towards them. Kris then held my face in their hands while smiling. Wait- SMILING? "Is this.... Is this another dream...?" Kris

shook their head No and leaned in closer and slowly, taking their sweet time. "Kris I... Kris I don't know what to say..." Kris then pushed the hair out of their face showing their shimmering red eyes. Kris spoke for the first time. "Then don't say anything, my love..." I couldn't process what was happening to me until I shut my eyes waiting... waiting... waiting... until... I woke up again. I had just fallen asleep with Kris on the tree. My head was laying on their shoulder as I slept. Apparently, Ralsei and Susie had left to go explore like they said but when I was left alone with Kris, I fell asleep. Just another dream. I think that vivid dream attack was still affecting me. I think the fact that Kris was petting me triggered the dream. I look up at Kris as they continued to pet my head. WAIT THEY WERE PETTING ME?? I squealed as I got up off their shoulder. "KRIS!" Ralsei and Susie came back thinking something was wrong. "Oh dear! Is everything okay!? We heard screaming!" Susie scanned around and

made sure there were no monsters nearby. Ralsei stuck out his hands ready for magic. "No, No, No, it's okay I just-" I grunted as I stressfully brush out my hair with my fingers. I then walked over to Ralsei and said in a stern voice, "I need to talk to you Ralsei." Ralsei was confused by the sudden firmness but nodded nervously. Kris got up and Susie went over to them. I walked over to a secluded area with Ralsei and he spoke. "is everything okay Elena?" I scowled as I spoke in a loud tone of voice, I wasn't yelling though. "No! No! I'm not okay! I've been having these extremely vivid dreams with Kris in them all and yet every one of them ends terribly!" Ralsei was slightly scared of me snapping and I don't blame him. "oh dear... that vivid dream spell had affected you powerfully... But what I can tell from affects, this will last until tomorrow..." I snapped my head towards Ralsei. "TIL TOMORROW!?" Ralsei stepped back even more scared. "I-I'm sorry Ralsei... I didn't mean to snap at



you." Ralsei stepped closer and put a supportive grip on my shoulder. "It's okay Elena... how about... next time you fall asleep, I'll will wake you before anything happens?" I nodded as we went back to the other two. "Lets continue shall we?". Ralsei said. We continue to the dark fountain when we were captured by the king and was put in dungeons. Kris and Ralsei were in one cell, I was in my own, and Susie was in her own as well. "My spell book!" I looded in my inventory and around me to see that my spell book was gone. "DAMNIT!" I banged on the wall with my hand when I heard a response from the other side. "Elena! Are you alright! You sound hurt!" It was Ralsei. "Ralsei! My spell book was taken!" I pushed a few small bricks out of the deteriorating wall and made a small window to see Kris and Ralsei. "Are you two okay?" Ralsei nodded and Kris gave a thumbs up. "stand back for a moment... I wanna try something." Ralsei stepped back waiting for me to do something. I

muttered to myself, "4th grade gymnastics, don't fail me now..." I went to the window and bent like a pretzel, squeezing myself through it. After I got through, I fell face first to the ground. "OH FU-" I hit the ground and it left a small bruise on my forehead. "ow... damnit" Ralsei rushed over to me. "Are you okay?" I shook my head trying to clear the headache I have now. "ugh... that hurt.... Now I have a headache....". Ralsei then helped me up and dusted my cloak off. "Thanks Ralsei..." Kris came over to me and pet my head. I wasn't thinking straight at the moment so I didn't realize Kris was doing this. "Mph...". Ralsei looked at the bruise on my head. "Hm, that can be healed" I was slightly dizzy but I snapped back. "Alright, alright I'm fine now." Susie let us out and was waiting at the door. "Hey punks, what's takin' ya so long?" We go out of the cell and make our way to the king. The king stood there menacingly as he got ready to attack but something was in

his hand. "Hey what is..." Susie immediately recognized what it was. "LANCER!" The king spoke. "If you Lighteners don't kneel before me, I will throw him off this ledge and watch him splatter." We hesitated for a moment but we kneeled. There were spades above us ready to attack. "This is what happens when you befriend the Lighteners Lancer." Lancer launches his attack at the king and runs off, dropping my spell book for me in front of me. We get ready to fight. We tried our best to talk sense into him and fought him but eventually the king tired out and sat down. Ralsei healed him and the king betrayed us and attacked us instead. We were all downed. The king was about to attack Susie again but Kris got in front of Susie and used their shield to make sure Susie wasn't hurt. The king sent an attack down on the both of them and they were hit. Kris got sent back hurt and trembling and I felt terrible not being able to protect them. But as soon as these words were said, I snapped and did

what I could do to fight him off. "Y'know, quiet people piss me off." I got up and shot 'piercing shot' at the back of the king's head, causing him to turn around to me. I said in a firm and powerful voice with glowing magic rings around my wrist. "STAY. AWAY. FROM MY. FRIENDS.". The king laughed as he put spades above my head. "And what are you going to do? Talk me to death?" The King sent spades on me until I was on 1 HP. Kris tried getting up, wanting to help me, Susie, and Ralsei but they were trembling from the damage they took. Lancer came back with other monsters that didn't like being under the king's control. "You're being overruled!" The king was taken away and we were left. I ran over to Kris with a bit of tears in my eyes. "Kris! Are you okay!? I'm sorry I wasn't able to protect you! I couldn't-". Kris cut me off by hugging me tightly and stroking my hair gently. Ralsei went over to Susie and healed her as well as himself. I healed both Kris and I with the duo heal. When we finally pulled

away, Kris had wiped away my tears with their thumb. "I-... Kris... Lets go close the dark fountain hm..?" Kris nodded and got up and we gathered around Ralsei. Ralsei looked a little sad but he was happy to have a successful adventure. "Well, goodbye lighteners..." I placed a hand on his shoulder. "This isn't goodbye..." Ralsei looked confused for a moment as he asked me why. "because, it's just a see you soon...". Ralsei smiled as he nodded. I took my hand off his shoulder and we left to the dark fountain. We walked towards it slowly as it's light casts a shadow behind us. "So this is it huh?" Susie looked over at me. "Yeah... We just did this..." I look back at the fountain. "I'm honestly... kind of glad we were able to win..." Susie agreed. "So lets close this fountain." Kris puts their hands to their chest and put their soul to the fountain. It closed the fountain and everything went black. No sounds, no movement, and nothing could be heard. We wake up in the closet, back in our normal clothes,

surrounded by chess pieces, cards, and other board game items. We walked out of the closet and to seemed to be almost nightfall. Susie turns to us. "Lets come back here another time." I nodded as well as Kris. We all went back to our homes. In the middle of the night, I snuck out to Kris's house as they invited me over. I was supposed to sneak in through their window. I did indeed sneak in through their window but... I was met with some unforeseen circumstances. Kris was about to rip out their soul. "KRIS NO!". Kris spotted me and I grabbed their wrist before they could do anything. "WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!" Kris covered my mouth as they held me down with one of their hands. They took their other hand and ripped out their soul and threw it into the birdcage in the corner. I tried screaming and yelling to them but it was all muffled. Tears filled my eyes as I tried to take their hand off. Kris then spoke. "Please do not be worried Elena... That soul was controlling me to an unbearable

measure.... It wouldn't allow me to talk or do as I please..." I slowly calmed down as Kris removed their hand from my mouth and wiped my tears. "I wanted to do so many things without it's control..." I listened closely. "You don't know how badly I want to kiss you Elena...". I blushed as my eyes went wide in response. "Y-you... want... to kiss... me...?" Kris nodded as they placed a thumb on my chin. "May I...?". I was scared, I thought this was another dream. I nodded as I shut my eyes in anticipation. I felt them kiss me. After a few moments, Kris pulled away smiling and my breath grew shaky. Kris got off of me and helped me up. "May we do it again...? Only if you're comfortable Elena..." I nodded as I stepped closer. Kris laid their hands on my waist and kissed me. I put my hands on their neck as they continued to kiss me. Soft and contented sighs filled the air as we continued. We got more comfortable with each other as we moved closer to each other. Before we both

realized it, we were together in bed. We weren't planning on doing anything we just didn't noticed that ended up here. "th-this is- this is unexpected..." Kris decided to mess with me a bit by speaking in a seductive tone while smirking. "how about we turn this unexpected predicament into an experience you'd love~?" I blush profusely as my eyes widen. Kris laughed as they pushed my hair out of my face. "Relax, I won't do anything you're not comfortable with..." I calm down slightly. "I can give you a few options if you'd like Elena..." I listened intently. "If you'd like, we can continue kissing for a little while longer, if you aren't feeling comfortable, You can either leave or sleep over in my brother's bed... He's off in collage right now. Or we can sleep together and maybe cuddle...?" I paused for a moment thinking until I continued. "I would like to cuddle... if you don't mind..." Kris's smirk faded into a soft and understanding smile. "Of course, that sounds fine to



me..." Kris got off of me and laid down next to me and nuzzled my neck. We both soon fell asleep. The next day at school, Kris had put their soul back in and didn't speak again. I knew they wouldn't talk until they took out their soul again. So I stuck by them for the day. If they didn't have their soul for a long period of time, they would slowly die. As I was grabbing stuff from my locker, Kris comes up to me and gives me a note. It read, "Would you wanna walk to science class with me?". I nodded and I closed my locker. Kris took my hand and kissed it for a moment, I laughed by how cute it was. "you're such a sweetheart Kris...". Kris held my hand as we walked to Science class. We were late of course so when we walked through the door, all eyes were drawn to us. Mrs. Alphys watched us as well. "Y-you two are late, a-again... Have y-you two at least d-done the group project?" I froze for a moment but regain my posture. "Uh so we didn't have partners... We never got one yesterday..."

and we were busy yesterday trying to find that chalk box for you..." Mrs. Alphys hesitated for a moment as she takes this information in. "O-oh, m-my apologies, if you'd I-like, you can be partners...". Susie came in and interrupted. "Make that a group of three." Mrs. Alphys nodded and continued the lesson as the three of us sat in the back. I whispered to Susie, "So uh... did you happen to catch what the project was about?" Susie shrugged. "I dunno, I'm about as clueless as you." I pulled out my phone and just listened to music on it. Later after class, Susie, Kris and I went to the closet again. I made a sarcastic but joking manner remark. "time to see if we're insane or not" Susie laughed and was about to open the door when Noelle appeared behind us. "H-hi" We all jumped but we just leaned on the door and after a few minutes of confusion and Noelle attempting to ask out Susie and failing, Susie was confused. She thought that Noelle knew something. "She's on to us, we better be careful!" I

whispered to Kris, "Susie is clueless, should we help her? Or see if Susie can figure it out herself?". Kris pointed to Susie. I agreed and Susie opened the door.

"Let's go punks, we gotta see if this happened." We followed and we all jumped through. The Darkness around us formed as we all realized that this really happened. "READY?" We all crossed our arms over our heads in an X-pattern as we fell. We're in our Darkworld forms now and we had landed in the center of an empty town. Ralsei heard us fall and came to us. "Hi!! You came back!" Ralsei hugged us all. I laughed, "Hi Ralsei, we missed you too" Ralsei noticed my spell book wasn't with me, neither was Kris's sword. "Oh dear! Elena, Kris, where are your weapons?" We looked in our inventory to see that it wasn't there. "Kris did we leave it at your place last night?". Kris nodded as they closed their inventory. "Susie, do you mind staying here for a sec while we go get our stuff?"

Susie nodded and stood by Ralsei. We went back to the Lightworld and went back to Kris's house. After we got to their room, we searched around for our items. In the Lightworld, our weapons was a notebook for me and a pencil for Kris. In the Darkworld, it's a spell book and sword. "Found it!" I found our items under the sheets of the bed. "Did we really sleep with our items?" Kris shrugged and ripped out their soul. "Oh god, finally. I can talk again..." I go over to Kris with a slightly annoyed look. "Kris, why did you rip out your soul again?" Kris kissed me again. "I wanted to say I love you~" I sigh and put their soul back into their body and kiss them. "I love you too but if you're going to rip out your soul just for you to say I love you, then put it into note or hug me and let me know when you want to talk. It seems like it'll hurt each time you do that. So don't do it again unless it's necessary." I kiss them and lightly caressed their face while pushing back their hair behind their ear. "I love

you, but let's get back. They're waiting for us." I grabbed our stuff and take their hand. Kris blushed and didn't expect everything I just did and agreed to my rule. We go back to the Darkworld. Ralsei and Susie were doing something random and Ralsei noticed us... and our hands held together. Ralsei came up to us as he spotted our weapons in our hands. "Oh my, you got your stuff?" We nodded as we activated it. "And you're... holding hands?" We both looked down at our hands and I nodded. Ralsei smiled and commented, "So you two are together, together now?" I smiled and told Ralsei what happened... The story was slightly twisted as Kris didn't want me to say anything about their soul. "I told them about the dreams I had and how I had a crush on them I guess. They gave me a note saying they liked me back." Okay, so I completely altered the story. But it's for a good reason. I gave Kris a reassuring squeeze to their hand. "so yeah, We are together, together. And... I love it." Ralsei

smiled and congratulated us. Susie came by and put Kris in a headlock while nudging their head. "Congrats dude! You pulled a girl". I spoke up while laughing slightly. "Well actually pulled them..." Part of the altered story. Of course Kris pulled me from last night. I would have never confessed to them as easy as they did. Especially the part where they kissed me... and cuddled me... and nuzzled me... That proves my point. I blushed thinking about what had happened and what could have happened. I didn't even realize I was saying my thoughts out loud as I was rambling on while pacing. "Oh god, oh god, oh god... we were in such a moment... in- in bed!? Oh god! There were so many things that could've led to- Oh my- oh the things that could've happened... Oh! Mph... I just have a dirty mind... Nothing can happen... Nothing would have happen... Right...? But the possibilities..." I was nervously fidgeting with my cloak as I continued pacing. I was an overthinker so doing all of this caught

everyone off guard since they didn't know about me like that. Susie came over to me and bonked me in the head. "Dude, you okay? What are you even talking about?". I jumped at her touch before nervously biting my lip. Before I realized it, I was getting into a loop of overthinking. Kris came over to me and held my face gently while guiding my gaze to theirs. In a sense, it seemed like they wanted to say, "It's okay.. Just focus on me...". My breathing slowed down as I relaxed keeping my gaze locked into theirs. They slowly got closer and start tracing trails around the edges of my face. I smiled and relaxed entirely. I leaned onto their shoulder as I hugged them. "Sorry... I-I tend to overthink...". Kris continues to just lovingly caress my face. Susie and Ralsei were confused on what I said about 'The possibilities' and 'We were in such a moment'. Susie spoke in a more gentle tone. Correction, she spoke in a loud but understanding tone. That's normal for her. "What happened

that's got you so riled up Elena?". I lift my head from Kris's shoulder and blush slightly. "W-well... They invited me to their house last night and that's where I told them about the dreams and confessed-" Part of the altered story. "- After all of the confessions and stuff... I- I kissed them... We didn't even realize that somehow ended up in their bed... I panicked about what could've happened just now...". Ralsei was both slightly concerned about the situation but was happy that we're so comfortable with each other. Ralsei also remembered a problem the Darkworld was facing. "I'm really sorry about interrupting such a sweet moment between you two but we may have a small issue going on in the Darkworld..." Kris and I pull away from each other but still hold hands. Susie looked over at Ralsei as she pulled out her Axe. "What is it Ralsei?". Ralsei hesitated for a moment before he continued. "Another Dark Fountain appeared... and the queen is controlling it



all... We need to close that fountain.". I pull out my spell book and place my hand over it. "We're the Lighteners aren't we? Well then, lets go save the Darkworld shall we?". Ralsei clapped for my enthusiastic approach at the situation. Susie had laughed in excitement. Kris gave me a few head pats before pulling out their sword. We all started making our way to the kingdom to stop the queen. Although, on our way, we entered some type of a cyber's world? As we are surrounded by a destroyed techno land, Noelle was in the center of it all begging for help. Susie panicked as Noelle was captured in a metal cage. "NOELLE!". I stopped her before she gets herself in a bad situation. "Susie wait! We can save her but we can't just rush in!" Susie took a breath for a moment. The queen arrived in her rocket chair. "Ohhohohooohhho!" We snapped our heads in the Queen's direction. Susie pulled out her Axe and glared at the Queen. "Who the hell are you!?" The queen kept laughing- Regally?

"I am Known As Serial Number Q5U4EX7YY2EPN. But you foolish children May call me Queen" I looked at the Queen with an annoyed look as I twirled a magic orb around my finger. "like hell we're gonna call you Queen. Q5U... 4... X-." Queen sipped her battery acid as she looked at us. "Queen." I pinched the bridge of my nose as I sigh annoyed. "Whatever, We're not children!" The Queen swirled the battery acid in her wine glass. "Teenagers are just bigger children." A small sign appeared behind the Queen. It was three signs. One had a child on it with the word 'stupid' on it. An arrow from it pointed to the other sign that had a picture of a teenager with the words, 'Big stupid'. Susie laughed under her breath as she crossed her arms. "Wouldn't that mean you're a child as well?" The Queen laughed as she made a sign with a computer on it with the word 'smart' on it. "No. I am a computer" I rolled my eyes as I put my hand down as Kris held it. The queen noticed this and

laughed again. "Oohohohhhho! A couple I see! Perhaps I can get a bigger cage, especially for you two~! That's the only thing I'll be generous about..." I blush and let go. "AY, WE AIN'T TRYIN' ANYTHIN' GOT IT?!". The Queen just continued to laugh. "Well, I'll be at my mansion thinking of any way of capturing you four! Ohohhohoho!" The Queen suddenly brings forward, corrupted beings of pastel and bright colors hanging on what looks like a plug controlling them. "Oh, and have fun with these things". The Queen flies away on her rocket chair as we look at the controlled creatures as we were pulled into an encounter. Ralsei had pointed out that the wires could be loosened and we could save the creatures. Susie got an idea and picked up Kris. I looked over at Susie who was about to throw Kris. "Susie, what are you doing-". Susie chuckled to herself as she pulls back and gets ready to throw. "I'm loosin' the wires, GET READY KRIS". I looked at her a bit confused for a moment

when I realized that she threw Kris at the wires and it worked. Somehow though, Kris reappeared in the same spot they were in last time before Susie threw them. My turn now. I open my spell book to a specific page, it was more of an attack but it worked against the wire. The wire was now 60% loose. Ralsei and tried his PACIFY spell but the enemy wasn't tired. It was our turn to be attacked now as our souls went into that same box. Kris dodged successfully, I got hit once but I was fine, Susie dodged successfully as well, but Ralsei got hit pretty hard and was almost dead and there wasn't enough TP to heal himself. I had healed him as I made sure he was okay. Ralsei smile as he continued to ACT. "Thanks Elena! You've gotten quite masterful at using those spells!" I smile as I continue ACTing. Kris was proud of me and kept ACTing as well. Eventually. We got the wires loose and the little creatures ran away. "phew, that was close..." Susie nodded. "Hey, but we made it out alive!" I

nodded and made sure Ralsei and Kris were okay after checking Susie. Kris gave me a thumbs up and a hug and Ralsei smiled and thanked me. We had now traveled out through a cyber's world. Watching the scenery unfold before us... It was quite the sight to see. What was cool was, when we were on the conveyer belt bridge and we looked out to the city, we saw the fireworks in the shape of our heads. It seems to be honoring us. That's when I felt Kris's hand in mine. I blushed a little, feeling happy to be around them. And Susie and Ralsei. I gave Kris's hand a reassuring squeeze as I look back up at the fireworks, admiring their lights igniting the sky. Once we got off of the conveyer belt bridge, we were met with a giant teacup ride, with only three cups. Ralsei got worried. "Oh dear... how are we suppose to all get up there? I know Elena and Kris would love to sit together but there's not enough room.." I grabbed my spell book and opened it and went to a specific page. "I have been dying to use

this spell! Aaand... " I wave my hand in a spell way, making glyphs in the air around me. I shrank! To the size of a candy bar! "Ta-da! Now I can fit in your pockets!" Ralsei was utterly impressed, Susie was thinking about stomping on me. "Look how easy it is stomp you hehe." As soon as Kris heard that, they picked me up gently in their hands and held me in a protective manner. Susie laughed. "Relax dude, I was just jokin'!" Kris glared at Susie for a moment before turning to me. I hugged one of their fingers as I smiled. Kris blushed a little and pet my head. Susie laughed. "Stop playing with her, it's weird."